



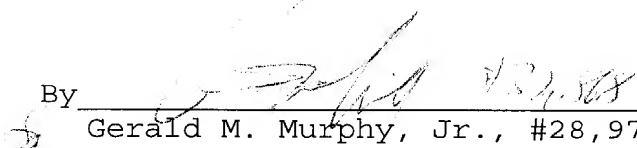
Appl. No. 09/214,723

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Takanori OKA Conf.: 8292  
Appl. No.: 09/214,723 Group: 1634  
Filed: January 11, 1999 Examiner: SISSON, Bradley  
For: NUCLEIC ACID ASSAY PROCESS AND ASSAY KIT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

April 15, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS

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The claims have been amended as follows:

**TECH CENTER 1600/2900**

13. (Five Times Amended) A nucleic acid assay process for identifying and/or quantifying a mutation or polymorphism in a double stranded sample DNA prepared by amplification of a particular region of an analyte nucleic acid using PCR method which is present in a specimen, comprising the steps of:

providing labeled standard DNA having a nucleotide sequence the same as a mutated or polymorphic target DNA of interest,